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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
REF: GENEVA 12390 (NOTAL)

1. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG GROUP
B AT DECEMBER MEETING OF UNCTAD DEBT EXPERTS TO CONFINE
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THE JANUARY 23-27 MEETING OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THERE WAS CON-
SENSUS SUPPORT FOR USING THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING TO
SET OUT A GOOD ANNOTATED AGENDA TO FACILITATE THE TASK
FACED BY MINISTERS AT THE SCHEDULED MARCH MEETING.

2. PARAGRAPH 4 CONTAINS A SUGGESTED DRAFT ANNOTATED

AGENDA WHICH WE INTEND TO PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION TO OUR GROUP B COLLEAGUES AT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING. WE HAVE RESTRICTED OURSELVES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA ALREADY AGREED.

3. IN ORDER TO GIVE OUR COLLEAGUES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR IDEAS IN ADVANCE OF THE GENEVA MEETING, REQUEST YOU FORWARD A COPY OF OUR SUGGESTED ANNOTATED AGENDA TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. WE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS THEIR REACTION TO OUR SUGGESTIONS AT THE GROUP B CAUCUS IN GENEVA JANUARY 23. (PLEASE INSURE THE

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INCLUDED: BONN - MR. HOY AND MR. KOINZER, PARIS - ME. PFAUWADEL, LONDON - MR. SLATER, OTTAWA - MR. SHAW.)

4. ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE UNCTAD TDB MINISTERIAL AGENDA
AGENDA ITEM 2:

"PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 94 (IV), REVIEW OF ACTIONS CONCERNING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, THE DISCERNING OF FEATURES WHICH COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN OPERATIONS RELATING TO DEBT PROBLEMS."
-- A REVIEW OF HOW CREDITORS HAVE RESPONDED TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR DEBT REORGANIZATIONS.
-- A REVIEW OF EFFORTS MADE AT CIEC TO DISCERN FEATURES FOR GUIDANCE IN FUTURE OPERATIONS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASES OF DEBT PROBLEMS.

-- A REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MEASURES TAKEN TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL STABILITY AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO DEBT MANAGEMENT.

AGENDA ITEM 3

"CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL MADE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OF OTHER VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REPORTED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/670."

(IT IS ASSUMED THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE 2ND DEBT EXPERTS MEETING.)

-- CONSIDERATION OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE TWO MEETINGS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS REGARDING THE ROLE OF DEBT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT DEBT SITUATION.

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AGENDA ITEM 4

"CONSIDERATION OF DECISION 149 (ZVI) RELATING TO LEAST DEVELOPED, DEVELOPING ISLAND, AND LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

(IN VIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF RESOLUTION 98 (IV), IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER THE TOPICS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.)

1. REVIEW OF SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
EXPANDING THE FLOW OF ASSISTANCE,
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF MEETING BASIC HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEEDS,

2. REVIEW OF SPECIFIC ACTION RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES:
FLOW OF EXTERNAL RESOURCES, BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL.
3. REVIEW OF SPECIFIC ACTION RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
FLOW OF RESOURCES, BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL. CHRISTOPHER

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